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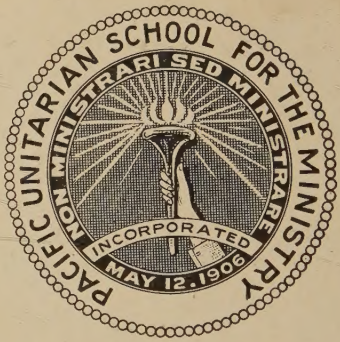

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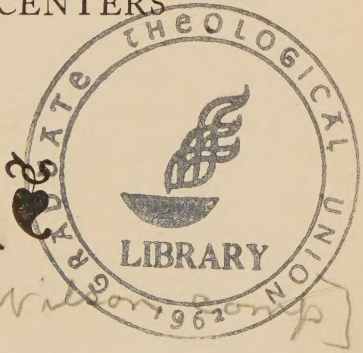

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FOREWORD

THE formation of a League of Lay Centers has grown out of a demand for a liberal interpretation of religion and for a simple form of worship in harmony with it, such as can be conducted without the expense and responsibility of the ordinary church organization. This Service and Hymn Book has been arranged to provide for services of worship under lay leadership. And while it is brief and free from liturgical complications, it is hoped that the responses, prayers, and hymns contain the strength, beauty, and dignity which will commend them to the uses of thoughtful and reverent worshippers. Familiarity is, however, the best avenue of attachment for such a book, and too much cannot be said in favor of making use of *all* the services and *all* the hymns.

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FOREWORD

The compiler takes this opportunity to acknowledge his indebtedness to Reverend Thomas Van Ness for the service and psalm selections taken from his " Responsive Readings," and for many of the prayers selected from the Collections of the Reverends George Dawson and R. Crompton Jones.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

1. Music — Instrumental or Vocal.
2. Responsive Service from the Service and Hymn Book.
3. Hymn.
4. Scripture Reading from "The Soul of the Bible."
5. Hymn.
6. Sermon.
7. Hymn.
8. Closing Formula Read by the Leader, or by the Leader and People in Unison.

As we now turn to the duties, to the joys and sorrows of this busy life, may the spirit of a brave confidence in God be our constant support and comfort, and the consciousness that we are doing His will guide us into the way of sincere fellowship with one another, and along the path of perfect peace. Amen.

FIRST SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

SENTENCES

One or more to be read by the Leader

THE hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth ; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Know ye not, that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you ?

The temple of the Lord is holy, which temple ye are.

Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me and know my thought; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Blessed are they whose ways are pure, who walk in the path of His commandments.

For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are sons of God.

Then shall the Leader say

The abiding place of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God. Let us, therefore, in purity of heart, draw near unto His holy presence, that we may, in spirit and in truth, commune with Him, The Only True, and find mercy and grace to help in time of need.

COMMON PRAYER

Leader and People alternately

O Thou eternal and everlasting One, who hath chosen for Thy temple the souls of them that are righteous, grant to us, we pray Thee, a quick and tender conscience that we fail not to heed every suggestion of Thine indwelling spirit.

Send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead us.

Reveal to us the beauty of Thy perfect will, the gladness of Thy service, the power of Thy presence in our hearts, that so with-

out fear we may follow whithersoever Thou mayest lead.

Be Thou, O Lord, our Guide and Help for evermore.

Calm the turbulence of our passions, quiet the throbbings of our hopes and fears, repress the waywardness of our wills, and direct the motions of our affections.

Strengthen us, O Lord, to bear all our trials patiently and to glorify Thee through our daily deeds.

We pray Thee to bless and comfort the aged, to give strength unto such as are bearing the burden and heat of the day, and to preserve all whom we love from the dangers of this present life.

Prepare them, O Lord, by Thy grace for life eternal.

O our heavenly Father, sanctify Thou our lives by Thy quickening presence, that no ignorance or sin may pervert us, and imprint upon our minds such a sense of Thy goodness that we may ever devote ourselves to Thy service in word and deed, and praising Thee both with our lips and our lives may go onward, through Thy mercy, to the joy of life everlasting. *Amen.*

SECOND SERVICE

SENTENCES

To be read by the Leader

JESUS said, The first of the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to the other.

For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

Leader and People

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader and People alternately

Almighty and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved Thee with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We pray Thee, O Lord, in Thy great compassion, so to strengthen our purpose that we may be enabled to do those things which are pleasing in Thy sight.

Help us to forgive as we would be forgiven, dwelling neither in speech nor thought

upon offences committed against us, but loving our brother freely as Thou lovest us.

Grant Thy help, O Lord, that we may carefully watch over our tempers and overcome every unholy feeling.

Remove whatever in us may be a stumbling block in another's way, that we may conform to Thy will in things both small and great.

Bring us, O Lord, by Thy favor into complete accordance with Thy righteous laws.

O Thou who by Thy Spirit art continually calling us to be sons of God and who hast set One before us that he might be as the first born of many brethren, help us, we pray Thee, to forsake our sins and to renounce all vain and evil ways that so we may be like him in faith and love and heavenly communion, and finally attain, through Thy good grace, unto the measure of the stature of that fulness which Thou desirest in all Thy children. Amen.

Leader

Praise ye the Lord.

People

The Lord's name be praised.

THIRD SERVICE

God Our Father

THERE is one God and Father of all.
Above all and through all and in us all.
In Him we live and move.
In Him we have our being.
Of Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To whom be glory for ever.
His righteousness is like the high mountains and His judgments are a great deep.
The Eternal is an everlasting God.
He giveth power to the faint.
And to them that have no might He increaseth strength.
They that wait upon Him shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles.
They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

For His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations.

Can a woman forget her child that she should not have compassion on her son?

Yea; she may forget, yet will not I forget, saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel.

A Father to the fatherless is our God.

A strength to the needy in his distress.

A refuge for the oppressed.

Our dwelling place in all generations.

If they who are evil know how to give good gifts to their children,

Much more shall the heavenly Father give to them that ask in righteousness; to them that call upon His name in faith.

He shall forgive our iniquities.

And heal all our diseases.

He shall redeem our life from destruction.

And crown us with loving kindness and with tender mercies.

They that put their trust in the Lord

Shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed.

For with the Father of lights there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

He shall endure though we fail and pass away.

The firmament declareth His glory, the prophets proclaim His judgments.

The Father of an infinite majesty, to whom be praise forevermore.

O Lord, when we cry unto Thee from the deep, and wait for Thee as they that wait for the morning.

Thou wilt have regard to our entreaty, the sigh of the lowly Thou wilt not despise.

Send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead us into Thy holy presence.

For with Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light.

O continue Thy loving kindness unto us, and speak righteousness unto our souls, that we may grow more nearly unto the perfect pattern.

Unto the knowledge of the sons of God, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of the Christ.

Prayer to be read by the Leader

Almighty God, grant unto us such knowledge of the written and spoken word of God and man, as may give us understanding of the Eternal Word which was with Thee in the beginning, by which all things were made. May we, through the things that are made, ofttimes pierce to the things of God, and by the very beauty of that which Thou hast expressed, learn the eternal beauty and unbroken blessedness of Him from whom it comes. May Thy word and work alike conspire to teach us Thy thoughts; that we may grow in wisdom and favor with God and man; and carry through this life, so often bowed down by petty cares and troubles and by man's imperfection, the heavenly beauty, the glory of paradise, and the hope of restored glory. Grant to us such knowledge of Thee, that we may keep Thy way; such love of Thee, that we may shine with Thy beauty; such communion with Thee, as shall brighten our hope, and strengthen our faith. Hear us, of Thy mercy, and grant us Thy blessing, now and evermore. *Amen.*

FOURTH SERVICE

Man Our Brother

BEHOLD how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

For there the Lord commandeth a blessing, even life forevermore.

He that would love life and see good days, let him seek peace and pursue it.

Let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile.

Let him not say I will honor the wise and hate the unwise; I will have respect unto the rich and despise the poor.

For God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that worketh righteousness and doeth the will of the Lord shall abide forever.

Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen.

Therefore withhold not kindness from them that are in need.

But bear ye one another's burdens.

For God hath designed men to be of greater service to each other,

Than hands or feet, eyes or other members, which He hath given in pairs.

Though there be diversities of gifts it is the same Spirit.

And though there be different kinds of service, yet it is the same Lord that worketh in all and through us all.

Be ye therefore eyes to the blind and feet to the lame.

Remembering them that are in bonds as if bound with them.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice.

And weep with them that weep.

And let him that giveth, do it with simplicity.

And him that sheweth mercy, let him shew it with cheerfulness.

For though I give all my goods to feed the poor and have not the spirit of love,

If I have not the spirit of love, it profiteth me nothing.

Wherefore let us not be weary in well doing.

For in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

But laying aside all malice, all envy and evil speaking,

Let us follow after the things which make for peace and the things whereby we may help one another.

Love as brethren and be courteous, putting on the ornament of a meek and gentle spirit.

And over all put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Be ye tender hearted, forgiving one another.

Even as God in His loving kindness forgiveth us.

And be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

For wrath is not stilled by wrath at any time, anger ceases by love — this is an everlasting law.

Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily unto God, keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

And the God of love and peace shall be with us alway. Amen.

Prayer to be read by the Leader

We bless Thee, O heavenly Father, for all Thy gifts of human love and friendship, for the sweet charities and kind affections, the thoughts, the desires, the hopes, which unite us as members of one family before Thee. Now would we take into the fellowship of our prayers all whom Thou hast made most dear to us, husband and wife, parent and child, brother and sister; all who are drawn to us by the ties of kindred and affection; all who are at one with us in the faith by which we come to Thee; all who are seeking Thy help, who are longing for Thy consolation; all who are lifting up their souls into the light of Thy heavenly presence. May the prayers which rise to Thee, continually from countless worshippers in every land, avail to bring Thy children nearer to one another in the bonds of their human brotherhood, and nearer to Thee in filial love and devotion. O Spirit of love, of wisdom, and of strength, breathe Thy eternal life into our hearts that we may henceforth give ourselves more faithfully to that holy service, in which alone is perfect freedom. *Amen.*

FIFTH SERVICE

Jesus Our Leader

FOR this cause came I unto the world, and to this end was I born, that I should bear witness to the truth.

And work the works of Him that sent me.

The spirit of truth shall guide you into all truth.

And the truth shall make you free.

If any one desires to come after me,

Let him deny himself and take up his cross.

He that taketh not his cross and followeth after me,

The same is not worthy of me.

For I came not to do mine own will,

But the will of the Father that sent me.

Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom,

But he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.

For whosoever shall do the will of God,

The same is my brother and sister.

Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden,

And I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly of heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Ask and it shall be given you.

Seek and ye shall find.

Every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth.

And to him that knocketh the door shall be opened.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,

And all needful things shall be added unto you.

For thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind.

And thy neighbor as thyself.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you,

Do ye even so unto them.

Who was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?

He that went to him and shewed mercy unto him.

Whoso giveth a cup of cold water only shall not lose his reward.

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

And take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones.

For inasmuch as ye do it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye do it unto me.

Blessed are the merciful:

For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the meek:

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are the peace makers:

For they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake:

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works,

And glorify the Father who is in heaven.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to the other.

If ye love one another even as I have loved you.

Prayer to be read by the Leader

Almighty God, Who dost never change, grant that from Thine unchangeableness may come our fixedness; and as year by year passes away, and the touch of change, and the frost of age, and the shadows of the Valley of Death come upon us, ever in Thine unchanging wisdom and love may we find a refuge. Grant that we may know Thy will, and by keeping it increase our light. Where there needs must be darkness, grant to us that what we cannot see we may be content to trust Thee for. May we abide with quiet heart, knowing that in life and in death we are ever within Thy loving care, leaving to Thee the things that are too high for us, and the wisdom that is too deep for us, and looking forward fearlessly, blessing Thee that Thou givest us light enough for our day's work, hope enough for the night of darkness, life enough for love, until our great change comes; after which, lead Thou us in the paths of eternal peace. We ask this in the spirit of Jesus Christ and in His name.

Amen.

SIXTH SERVICE

Character Our Salvation

WHEREWITH shall we come before the Lord and bow ourselves before the Most High?

He hath shewn us in our hearts what is good and what it is He doth require.

For he that hath clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

Say ye of the righteous that it shall be well with him.

For he shall eat of the fruit of his doings.

Therefore to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly before the Lord,

Is greater far than the sacrifice of many offerings.

The path of the just is as the dawning light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

The stars in their course uphold the righteous; the stones of the field are in league with them.

Walk thou then in the path of the good.

And keep the way of the righteous.

If sinners entice thee, consent thou not; go not into the path of the wicked.

And go not in the way of evil men.

Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee; ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be steadfast.

So shalt thou be kept from falling and unto thee shall be given gladness of heart.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation.

And he whose strength is in the Lord.

Blessed is he who regardeth justice.

And he who practiseth righteousness at all times.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity.

In whose spirit there is no guile.

Blessed is he who seeing his brother have need, shutteth not up his heart against his brother.

For he shall inherit the kingdom of the Heavenly Father prepared from the foundation of the world.

He that will save his soul and enter into the joy of the Lord.

Let him be faithful in that which is least as well as faithful in that which is most.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it therefore with thy might, being fruitful in every good work.

For by our fruits shall we be judged.

And be ye faithful unto death, that at the close ye may be able to say,

I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course.

Then shall the Lord the righteous Judge give unto you the crown of everlasting life.

The crown laid up for all them that love the Lord; who strive on earth to do and bear His heavenly will.

Prayer to be read by the Leader

Almighty God, Who canst give the light that in darkness shall make us glad, the life that in gloom shall make us joy, and the peace that amidst discord shall bring us quietness! let us live this day in that light, that life, and that peace, so that we may gain the victory over those things that press us down, and over the flesh that so often encumbers us, and over death that seemeth for a moment to win the victory. If Thou givest us sadness, help us to look beyond that sadness to the rest which remaineth. Thus we, being filled with inward peace, and light, and life, may walk all the days of this our mortal life, doing our work as the business of our Father, glorifying it, because it is Thy will, knowing that what Thou givest Thou givest in love. So, with these inward thoughts, may we keep that divine Light in the soul which shall enable us to set our spirits in order, and walk in obedience and trust, not failing to look forward with great hope. Bestow upon us the greatest and last blessing, that we, being in Thy presence, may be like unto Thee for evermore.

Amen.

SEVENTH SERVICE

Progress Our Destiny

BEHOLD what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us,

That we should be called the sons of God.

Beloved, now are we children of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be:

For eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath the heart of man conceived the things that God hath prepared for them that love Him.

Now we know in part.

But then shall we know even as we are known.

And every one that hath this hope in him purifieth himself;

Even as He is pure.

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.

For the things which are seen are but for a time; but the things which are not seen are everlasting.

Set your mind, therefore, on the things above, striving to be followers of that which is good.

And rejoice in the Lord always.

Gladness eternal shall be upon them for aye: gladness and rapture shall be their portion.

For to them shall be known the joy of the Lord.

Blessed are the righteous whose names are written in the book of life; for they shall be held in everlasting remembrance.

Having gotten the victory striving for undefiled rewards.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are Thy ways.

For he shall go from strength to strength and from life to life.

Wherefore seeing we are called by the Spirit of God, let us lay aside every weight of sin,

And run with patience the race that is set before us.

Whatsoever things are honest and true, whatsoever things are lovely and pure, whatever virtue there is and whatever praise, let us think on these things.

And the God who is our Father and who hath given us good hope, through grace shall comfort our hearts and establish us in every good word and work.

Faithful is He who calleth you by His Spirit; His promises of old are faithfulness and truth, therefore forgetting the things that are behind,

And reaching forth unto the things that are before,

Press onward toward the mark

For the prize of the heavenly calling of God.

To them that are in the way of righteousness, neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Shall be able to separate them from the love of God.

Wherefore quench not the spirit nor enter into the ways of sin.

For the wages of sin is death.

But they that are led by the Spirit of God shall be deemed worthy of the resurrection: nor pain nor grief shall come them nigh, their souls are in the hands of God.

For them the strength of death is fled, the mightiness of distress is overcome.

They shall endure, though heaven and earth shall pass away; yea, though the world wax old like a garment.

And like a vesture it be changed and destroyed.

Prayer to be read by the Leader

Father Almighty, Source of our life, and Giver of all that makes life blessed: we bow before Thee with minds overshadowed with awe at Thine infinite power and incomprehensible glory. We cannot judge according to Thy wisdom. We cannot see as Thou seest. Thy ways are not our ways, nor are Thy thoughts our thoughts. Yet, Lord, would we trust Thee with implicit faith; for we are sure that all Thy ways are holy and righteous, and Thy thoughts are thoughts of love and tenderness for us. Give us the spirit of obedient children, that we may seek not our own will but Thine; and, though we know not even what to pray for as we ought, we would utter our heart's desire to Thee, being assured that Thou wilt do more and better for us than we in our holiest prayer could ask. So, O Father, may we be truly Thine; and in toil or rest, in hardship or ease, in sorrow or in joy, may we be growing ever nearer to Thy likeness, and be united more and more closely with Thee. Thus may Thy will be done in our hearts and may Thy Kingdom come and abide with us forever. *Amen.*

EIGHTH SERVICE

Spring

IF GOD SO CLOTHE THE GRASS

O LORD our God, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

Who fillest the world with the beauty of the morning, and in the evening with the splendors of the sunset sky:

Who paintest the radiance of the landscape and giveth the gems of dew to every bud and blossom:

Who spreadeth upon the sky the fleece of clouds and lighteth up the dome of night with the brilliancy of stars:

Who causeth the plants to spring forth and bloweth the seeds about in the winds:

Who mixeth the seeds with rich mould and watereth them with soft rains.

O praise the Lord for His goodness,

And for His wonderful works to the children of men.

When the dust grew into hardness and the clods of the earth cleaved fast together:

when the waters were hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep was frozen:

Then the Lord sent forth His word and broke them asunder; He caused His winds to blow and the waters flowed.

Every murmuring brook hath a tongue,

And a voice sounds forth in every whispering wind.

The sun shineth down from above, and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof: the hills are clothed with verdure, and the rivers sparkle as with silver and gold.

The trees put forth their leaves and the buds break out into blossom.

The grass groweth up for cattle and the green herb for the service of man.

And the sower goeth forth in faith, casting precious seed into the warm furrows of the earth.

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord; who can show forth all His wisdom?

Who can tell of His glory and of His goodness to the children of men?

Bless the Lord, O my soul! bless the Lord, and all that is within me bless His Holy name,

For His mercy endureth from generation to

generation and His power is an everlasting power.

Consider the works of the Lord, the lilies how they grow, and the roses how they bloom.

For God hath made everything beautiful in its time.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field which to-day is, and to-morrow is cut off and cast away,

Will He not much more care for us His children?

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth,

For to everything there is an appointed season.

A time to plant and a time to pluck, a time to gather and a time to cast away,

A time to laugh and a time to die.

The grass withereth and the flower fadeth,

But he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

Prayer to be read by the Leader

O Thou, whose life-giving energy flows ceaselessly through all things: we rejoice in the glorious revealing of Thyself in Nature, in the tokens of Thy might and of Thy love which we behold on every side. We thank Thee for all the bountiful gifts and the gracious promise of this season of brightness and hope, when we trace again the workings of that unseen power which, with each returning spring, calls forth fresh life and growth, and renews the face of the earth. And while we bless Thee for the beauty which Thou sheddest around our path, we pray that it may find some reflection in our own lives, in the beauty of holiness, and the grace of gentleness and pure affection, and in the peace of a good conscience. May Thy creative spirit be breathed into us, with power to freshen and renew our life, and fill Thy sanctuary in our souls with strength and beauty; and may the precious seed of Thy word fall into good ground, where it may spring up and bear fruit according to the measure which Thou hast appointed.

Amen.

NINTH SERVICE

Autumn

FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof,

The world, and they that dwell therein.

He maketh the sun to shine, and sendeth the rain from heaven, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater.

While the earth remaineth seedtime and harvest shall not cease.

The summer is past, the harvest is come; now is the ingathering of the year. The orchards are rich with their fruit and the fragrance of vines fills the air.

The pastures are clothed with flocks and the valleys are covered with corn.

The sons of men go forth to their labor and the land yieldeth for them food.

In the field they reap the harvest and gather the vintage from the vineyard.

The hills are girded with gladness,

And the gardens are full of pleasantness.

The glory of the Lord is upon the face of the deep,

And the whole earth showeth forth His handiwork.

Blessed of God is the land for the dew of heaven, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,

For the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the sea,

For the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills,

For the precious things of the earth and its fulness, and for the good will of Him who giveth all.

Then let the fields be joyful, and all that is therein.

Let all the trees of the woods be glad before the Lord.

Let them put forth a beauty like unto flame, and a glory like unto the sunset sky, yea, let them all rejoice before the Lord.

Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars, beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying fowl,

Kings of the earth and all people, princes and all judges of the earth,

Both young men and maidens, old men and children, let them praise the name of the Lord.

For He crowneth the year with His goodness,

And the earth is full of His riches.

The eyes of all wait upon Him,

For He giveth them their meat in due season.

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

The earth is full of the goodness of God, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And forget not all His benefits.

Bless the Lord, all ye His works,

And let all flesh bless His holy name forever.

Prayer to be read by the Leader

We praise thee, O thou Source of all life and strength and blessing, for the bountiful provision which Thou makest for the wants of Thy children, giving rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling our hearts with food and gladness. We would bring Thee now our joyful thanksgiving for the harvest of the fields, and all the increase that the fertile earth has yielded. Thou hast ordered the course of the changing seasons, and appointed a time for sowing and a time for reaping; and while men have toiled, or watched, or rested from their work, Thy providence has never failed, and Thou hast prepared for them the reward of their labors. As we seek after the things that are needful for our mortal life, providing for ourselves food and raiment and shelter, and whatever outward good Thou grantest us, may we grow richer in the things of the spirit, and in all that makes us truly Thy children. So may we show forth the power of that loving and self-denying spirit which was in Christ, and become less unworthy to be called Thy children, and to receive Thine unnumbered gifts of blessing. *Amen.*

TENTH SERVICE

Worship

O WORSHIP THE LORD

I was glad when they said unto me: Come, it is our holy day, let us go into the house of the Lord.

Let us take sweet counsel together; let our feet stand within His gates.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and be joyful of heart before Him,

For the Lord will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths.

Blessed be the temple hallowed by His name; pray for peace within its walls.

Peace to young and old that enter there; peace to every soul abiding therein.

O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together,

For with the Lord there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning; His mercy is everlasting and His truth endureth to all generations.

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord?

And with what offering shall I bow myself before the most High?

Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard that the Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator cannot be worshipped with men's hands as tho' He needed anything, seeing it is He that giveth to all life and breath and all things,

For in Him we live and move and have our being.

Wherefore the Lord delighteth not in vain offerings.

Neither respecteth He the vows of them that be of a froward heart.

For they that serve Him must serve Him with a pure heart and with a willing mind.

And they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.

Trust ye in the Lord and be fruitful in every good work.

For to do good, forgetting not to communicate unto them that are in affliction, is sacrifice well pleasing unto God.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

And give unto God the glory due unto His name.

The Lord our God is holy and all His ways are ways of righteousness and peace.

Blessed is the man that walketh in the pathway of peace, in whose spirit there is no guile.

He shall be steadfast and without fear,

And the Eternal shall be His everlasting portion.

The Spirit of the Lord shall dwell in him that is of a contrite heart,

And shall abide in them that seek to do His holy will.

Let the gladness of Thy service and the power of Thy presence be revealed unto our souls.

That we may know through Thy Spirit the fulness of joy.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God,

They are the Sons of God.

Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness;

And make Thy way straight before my face.

Create within me a clean heart, O God;

And renew a right spirit within me.

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart,

Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

Prayer to be read by the Leader

We magnify Thy name, O God most high! for the fulness of the life with which Thou hast surrounded us, for the largeness of the life of Nature, for the life of the body, and its bread. Thou also sowest the seeds of truth every day; Thou sendest down the gentle rain, and the glorious sunshine; Thou givest the Holy Spirit, which is life and health for all. Thy Spirit has brooded over the world for ages, may we remember Thy sure patience, and remember that if Thy purpose worketh slowly, Thy victories are sure. And now we beseech Thee for the true knowledge, for the bread which cometh from above, that whatsoever in us is lovely and of good report, whatsoever in us is divine and eternal, being fed thereby, may greatly flourish, to our true eternal gain, and to Thy great glory. Evermore give us this bread; the bread of righteousness, of truth, of purity, of knowledge, and of wisdom, that we, being thus fed from heaven, may live the heavenly life, and lay hold at last upon the eternal reward. And unto Him who is able to grant every blessing be honor and glory forever. *Amen.*

ELEVENTH SERVICE

A Very Present Help in Trouble

IN THE ETERNAL IS EVERLASTING STRENGTH

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

The confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them afar off upon the sea.

A Father of the fatherless, a strength to the needy in his distress; a refuge for the oppressed.

Our dwelling place in all generations.

He healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds; He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names.

He giveth beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall.

He raiseth up all that be bowed down.

In the midst of trouble He will revive them; none of them that put their trust in Him shall be desolate.

He shall swallow up death in victory, and wipe away all tears.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God, for thou shalt yet praise Him for the help of his countenance.

When thou passest through the waters, He will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.

When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil.

He shall preserve thy soul.

It is He that shall forgive thine iniquities.

And heal all thy diseases.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

For they that sow in tears, ere long shall reap in joy.

So, then, be patient; God's word endureth for ever; yea, in eternity: Cast thy burden upon the Lord;

And He shall sustain thee.

Wait thou on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thy heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord. Trust ye in Him for ever.

For in the Eternal is everlasting strength.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul, return unto thy rest.

And the Lord will deal bountifully with thee.

He will never leave thee nor forsake thee ; He, watching over Israel, is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

For this God is our God for ever and ever.

He will be our guide even unto death.

Prayer to be read by the Leader

We give Thee humble and hearty thanks, Almighty God, that in the same want and weariness that they of old did know, we have the same comfort and consolation that they of old did feel. "Comfort ye, my people!" is still the need of our souls, and by Thy unwearying love we would be comforted. Earthly comfort is short, and passeth away as the clouds: the clouds come again after the rain, and come so soon! But when we look unto Thee, Thou failest never, Thou faintest not; we cannot outweary Thy patience, we cannot overtax Thy strength. O Lord God! we comfort ourselves in Thee: Thou watchest whilst we sleep; Thou sleepest never, and as Thine eye watcheth all things, so Thine unsleeping love cares for all. Fill us with hope; give us the Comforter; feed us with the bread of the soul; give us the manna by which the body may be sustained, and give us also of the manna, the hidden manna, that only the secret soul can know. Love us all, and bring us all at last, when all the weariness and all the blessings of this life are past, into our desired haven. *Amen.*

TWELFTH SERVICE

Blessed are They

BLESSED is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
But whose delight is in the law of the Lord.
Blessed are they whose ways are pure:
Who walk in the path of His commandments.
Blessed are they who keep his statutes,
And who seek Him with all their heart.
Blessed are they who regard justice,
And who practise righteousness at all times.
Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.
Blessed is he that considereth the poor,
The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee, O Lord,
In whose heart are Thy ways.
Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and causeth to approach unto Thee.
In Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are they that mourn.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth :

And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

For the Lord giveth power to the faint and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy,

And the Lord in His mercy shall forgive them their iniquities.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Yea; they shall stand in the Holy place of the Lord, and abide in the tabernacle of the Almighty.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they : for, because of their works, shall the earth rejoice, and the nations shall be as one people.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they; for their affliction hath wrought in them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory and their names are written in the book of life. Worthy are they to receive honor, and wisdom, and power, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to be read by the Leader

O God, eternal and unchangeable: we bless Thee that, amid all the shadows that fall on our earthly way, the doubts that perplex us, the fears that hinder us, the dimness of our spiritual vision, the partial measure of our approach to Thee, we have one steadfast light still shining on our path, even the light of Thine infinite love. If Thou watchest over us, we are safe; if Thou guidest us we shall not lose the way; if Thou art teaching us we cannot learn amiss. We would only pray for a spirit of faith and trust, that we may submit ourselves in all things to Thy disposal; of filial love, to seek thee ever as our Father. Breathe into our life Thy spirit of holiness and love and peace. Awaken in us the high desire and devout affection that will bring us into Thy nearer presence. Lift us above the selfish cares of life. Lift us above the doubts and cares of our unfaithful hearts. Thus may we find the true rest for our souls, the true strength of our life, and joy that abides forever. *Amen.*

Righteousness and Peace

SENTENCES

THE kingdom of God is righteousness, and peace, and joy.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Let us follow after the things which make for peace, and the things whereby we may help one another.

In this the children of God are manifest, whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness which he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

Then shall the Leader say

In the holy quiet of this hour, let us together pray that the sense of the nearness

and faithfulness of God may be quickened within us. May our hearts be filled with gratitude and praise, and our daily lives be gladdened and uplifted by the thought of our divine kinship, and let us earnestly awaken to the high privilege of those accounted worthy to be fellow workers with Him, called by His Spirit to bring in the reign of righteousness and peace upon the earth.

COMMON PRAYER

Leader and People alternately

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell in unity of spirit and in the bonds of peace, amid diversities of race and calling, enable us to trace Thy divine plan of love, in the working out of which Thou dost give to each generation its appointed share.

Uphold in us, O Lord, the faith in our common brotherhood, that we may be kindly affectioned one toward another.

Grant that the blessings we have received from those gone before may be transmitted to them that are to come after us, with no principle impaired, but greatly strengthened

and illuminated by our steadfast loyalty and good works.

Make us worthy, O Lord, of all Thy benefits.

Revive in us and in the people of this land a spirit of devotion to the public weal, that so we may be kept from sloth and indifference, from every selfish indulgence and impurity, and from all corruption of civil government and the high citizenship committed to us.

Lead us, O Lord, in Thy righteousness.

Endue with the spirit of widsom those intrusted with authority, that there may be peace throughout this land, and that we may be an influence for good among the nations of the earth.

Let Thy peace, O Lord, rule in all our hearts.

Impel those in the seats of power and wealth to be faithful to their stewardship. Protect the efforts of sober and honest industry, and suffer not the hire of the laborer to be kept back. Incline the hearts of those who are employed to forbearance and good will, that so the bonds of union and brotherly love may be maintained, and evermore firmly established.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

Take from us all jealousy and envy at the good of others, all unkindness from offences given or taken, all unrighteous anger and an impatient spirit

O Lord, deliver us from evil.

O Thou in whom is calmness and peace, inspire in us that love which suffereth long and is kind, which envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, which doth not behave itself unseemly, and seeketh not its own; reconcile, we pray Thee, whatsoever dissensions may now divide us, and bring us more nearly into a unity of purpose which may bear some likeness to Thy blessed will, and finally, through Thy grace, unite us all as members of one family, that with one heart and one mind we may serve and glorify Thee our Father, and the Father of all mankind. *Amen.*

On occasions the following prayer may be used

Keep us, O Lord God, from all pettiness, and let us be large in thought, in word, and in deed; let us be done with fault-finding and from all manner of self-seeking. Enable

us to put away pretence, and to meet each other face to face without self pity and without prejudice. May we never be hasty in judgment, but always generous. Teach us to put into action our better impulse straightforward and unafraid, and grant that we may realize it is the little things that create difference; for in the larger things of life we are one. May we strive to touch and to know the great common human heart of us all, and, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

Amen.

A Service of Thanksgiving

SENTENCES

To be read by the Leader

O MAGNIFY the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

The Lord is the strength of our life, our hope, and our portion for evermore.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever.

He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.

Praise the Lord all ye nations; praise Him all ye people.

Come walk in His word with songs of joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Then shall the Leader say

It is given us to live in a world of many mysteries, but also of ever widening revelations, where day by day throughout the fourfold year Nature is inwrought with gracious ministry both to our outward and inward life. Let not the very nearness and constancy of our blessings hide from us the source whence they flow, but with grateful hearts and in unfeigned thankfulness may

we look up to the bountiful Giver who girds us with strength and crowns the seasons with joy. Acknowledging Him in prayer and praise, let us say as with one mind and one voice, Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

COMMON PRAYER

To be said by the Leader and People

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader and People alternately

O Thou who art the Providence enfolding all our lives, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we lift to Thee the voice of our thanksgiving; we praise Thee for the life which Thou hast given us and for the manifold inspirations of Thy love.

We praise Thee, O Lord, and bless Thy holy name.

For the tokens of Thy wisdom and power in the least as in the greatest, for every moment of nearer communion with Thy spirit in all that is fair and glorious in the world.

We praise Thee, O Lord, and bless Thy holy name.

For home and friends, for all the comfort and gladness of our lives, for encouragement to duty, for succor in temptation, for sympathy in sorrow, for the peace that is gained through strife, and for the rest that comes after toil.

For these, O Lord, we magnify Thy name.

When our way is darkened and courage fails; when we are oppressed by trouble and bowed down with care; when our spirits fail within us and all strength gives way, then for the love which bids us bring our burdens unto Thee.

We praise Thee, O God, our Father and our unfailing Friend.

Make us less unworthy of Thy many mercies, and give us wisdom to know and grace to do Thy perfect will.

So may Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

Commemorative Service

THE MEMORIAL OF VIRTUE

SENTENCES

One or more to be read by the Leader

THE righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance, and the memory of the just shall be blessed.

Ye are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God.

Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.

This man died leaving his death for an example of a noble courage and a memorial of virtue, not only unto young men, but unto all his nation.

For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

Then shall the Leader say

Let us call to remembrance, and be glad in their goodness, the dead yet ever-living who have passed the doors beyond which we cannot see. As they kept the faith in time of trial and held fast to righteousness in the hour of temptation, so, inspired by their example, may we, when danger is near and the flesh is weak, triumph over every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and finally attain unto everlasting life.

COMMON PRAYER

Leader and People alternately

O Thou who keepest the steps of the upright in heart, from Thee cometh every good and perfect gift. Thine are the messengers that publish peace, that proclaim salvation to all mankind.

Thine, O Lord, is the love that answereth and filleth every prayerful spirit.

We thank Thee for the martyr souls who for righteousness' sake were persecuted, tormented, and afflicted, who had trial of mockings and scourging and died to save.

For the faithful who in their love believed beyond all believers.

For all those who overcame evil, and in faith and hope endured, esteeming the reproach for truth greater riches than the treasures of the world.

For them, O Lord, do we lift up the voice of praise.

Let the blessed company of those who have gone before and entered into rest be to us an example of righteous living, that so our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments.

Lord, fix our hearts on Thee.

Enable us by Thy grace to live worthily as in Thy sight and to be ready for whatsoever duty Thou seest fit to lay upon us; inspire us with the spirit of devotion to Thy holy will, whereby we may prove faithful in that which is least as well as in that which is most; and when our course on earth is run, if it be Thy will join us with those who have part in that eternal kingdom where death and pain are known no more.

Amen.

O Thou who hast raised up prophets and apostles to be mighty forerunners in all the blessed privileges of a heavenly inheritance,

draw us unto Thyself by the same uplifting power, that our feet stumble not on the dark mountains, nor falter in the valley of the shadow of death. Be Thou our strength and stay in all times of trial, and keep us in fellowship with those who while on earth strove to make firm and sure Thy righteous sway. So may we, having done Thy will, be given part in that heavenly heritage wherein peace and love are made perfect and Thou art all in all. *Amen.*

Or this

Almighty Father and Keeper of our souls, let not Thy merciful kindness fail us when burdens are heavy and sorrow is near. Give us faith when our dear ones die out of our sight, and in our own last hour lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us. Thou art the strength of those who put their trust in Thee. Send out Thy light and Thy truth to shine pure and strong over death and the grave. *Amen.*

HYMNS

ADORATION C. & H. page 26.

"O all ye works of the Lord, praise ye the Lord!"

LET the whole creation cry,
Glory to the Lord on high!
Heaven and earth, awake and sing,
"God is good, and therefore King."

Praise Him, all ye host above,
Ever bright and fair in love!
Sun and moon, uplift your voice;
Night and stars, in God rejoice.

Chant His honor, ocean fair!
Earth, soft rushing through the air;
Sunshine, darkness, cloud and storm,
Rain and snow, His praise perform.

Warriors fighting for the Lord,
Prophets burning with His word,
Men and women, young and old,
Raise the anthem manifold;

And let children's happy hearts
In this worship bear their parts:
Holy, Holy, Holy One,
Glory be to God alone! AMEN.

STOPFORD A. BROOKE.

OLD HUNDRED C. & H. page 1.

BE thou, O God! exalted high;
And as Thy glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed,
Till Thou art here, as there, obeyed.

NICAEA C. & H. page 2.

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."

HOLY, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
AMEN.

REGINALD HEBER.

AMSTERDAM C. & H. page 200.

"*The Soul aspiring to Heaven.*"

RISE, my soul, and stretch thy wings,
Thy better portion trace;
Rise, from transitory things,
Towards heaven, thy native place:
Sun and moon and stars decay,
Time shall soon this earth remove;
Rise, my soul, and haste away
To seats prepared above.

Rivers to the ocean run,
Nor stay in all their course;
Fire, ascending, seeks the sun;
Both speed them to their source:
So a soul that 's born of God
Pants to view His glorious face;
Upward tends to His abode,
To rest in His embrace.

ROBERT SEAGRAVE.

VENTNOR C. & H. page 53.
BERLIN H. & T. page 324.

STILL, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh and the shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with Thee!

Alone with Thee, amid the mystic shadows,
The solemn hush of nature newly born;
Alone with Thee in breathless adoration,
In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

When sinks the soul, subdued by toil, to slumber,
Its closing eye looks up to Thee in prayer;
Sweet the repose beneath Thy wings o'ershading,
But sweeter still to wake and find Thee there.

So shall it be at last, in that bright morning,
When the soul waketh and life's shadows flee;
Oh, in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,
Shall rise the glorious thought, I am with Thee!

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

PLEYEL C. & H. page 28.
INNOCENTS H. & T. page 63.

"Oh, send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me."

SOVEREIGN and transforming Grace!
We invoke Thy quickening power;
Reign the spirit of this place,
Bless the purpose of this hour.

Holy and creative Light!
We invoke Thy kindling ray;
Dawn upon our spirits' night,
Turn our darkness into day.

To the anxious soul impart
Hope all other hopes above;
Stir the dull and hardened heart
With a longing and a love.

Work in all; in all renew,
Day by day, the life divine;
All our wills to Thee subdue,
All our hearts to Thee incline. AMEN.

FREDERIC H. HEDGE.

FEDERAL ST. C. & H. page 350.
HAMBURG C. & H. page 38.

"I will arise, and go unto my Father."

To Thine eternal arms, O God,
Take us, Thine erring children, in;
From dangerous paths too boldly trod,
From wandering thoughts and dreams of sin.

Those arms were round our childish ways,
A guard through helpless years to be;
Oh, leave not our maturer days,
We still are helpless without Thee!

We trusted hope and pride and strength:
Our strength proved false, our pride was vain;
Our dreams have faded all at length, —
We come to Thee, O Lord, again!

A guide to trembling steps yet be,
Give us of Thine eternal powers!
So shall our paths all lead to Thee,
And life smile on like childhood's hours.

T. W. HIGGINSON. 1847.

ELLERS C. & H. page 54.
PAX DEI C. & H. page 127.

"The peace of God which passeth all understanding."

FATHER, again to Thy dear name we raise,
With one accord, our parting hymn of praise;
We stand to bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly kneeling, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day;
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night,
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep Thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace. AMEN.

JOHN ELLERTON.

Russian Hymn C. & H. page 7.
Bethsaida C. & H. page 126.
Ellers C. & H. page 54.

We Praise thee, O Lord.

We praise Thee, Lord, with earliest morning ray;
We praise Thee with the glowing light of day:
All things that live and move, by sea and land,
Forever ready at Thy service stand.

Thy Christendom is singing night and day,
"Glory to Him, the mighty God, for aye,
By Whom, through Whom, in Whom, all beings are!"
Grant us to echo on the song afar.

Thy name supreme, Thy kingdom, in us dwell,
Thy will constrain and feed and guide us well:
Guard us, redeem us, in the evil hour;
For Thine the glory, Lord, and Thine the power!
Amen.

JOHANN FRANCK.

TRURO C. & H. page 278.
SAMSON C. &. H. page 82.
EASTON H. & T. page 176.

The Soldiers of the Cross.

THOU Lord of Hosts, whose guiding hand
Has brought us here, before Thy face, —
Our spirits wait for Thy command,
Our silent hearts implore Thy peace.

Those spirits lay their noblest powers,
As offerings, on Thy holy shrine:
Thine was the strength that nourished ours;
The soldiers of the Cross are Thine.

While watching on our arms at night,
We saw Thine angels round us move;
We heard Thy call, we felt Thy light,
And followed trusting to Thy love.

Send us where'er Thou wilt, O Lord!
Through rugged toil and wearying fight:
Thy conquering love shall be our sword,
And faith in Thee our truest might.

Send down Thy constant aid, we pray;
Be Thy pure angels with us still;
Thy truth, — be that our firmest stay;
Our only rest, to do Thy will. AMEN.

O. B. FROTHINGHAM. 1847.

ITALIAN HYMN C. & H. page 30.

COME, Thou Almighty King!
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise!
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of days!

Come, thou all-gracious Lord,
By heaven and earth adored!
Our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy children bless;
Give Thy good word success;
Make Thine own holiness
On us descend.

Never from us depart;
Rule Thou in every heart,
Hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore. AMEN.

Anon. before 1757.

ITALIAN HYMN C. & H. page 30.

"*Let there be Light.*"

THOU, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight!
Hear us, we humbly pray;
And, where the gospel's day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light.

Thou, Who didst come to bring,
On Thy redeeming wing,
Healing and sight!
Health to the sick in mind,
Light to the inly blind,
Oh, now, to all mankind
Let there be light!

Descend Thou from above,
Spirit of truth and love,—
Speed on Thy flight!
Move o'er the waters' face,
Spirit of hope and grace,
And in earth's darkest place,
Let there be light! AMEN.

JOHN MARRIOTT.

ARLINGTON C. & H. page 289.
BEMERTON H. & T. page 273.
DUNDEE H. & T. page 242.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

O THOU who hast Thy servants taught,
That not by words alone,
But by the fruits of holiness,
The life of God is shown, —

While in Thy house of prayer we meet,
And call Thee God and Lord,
Give us a heart to follow Thee,
Obedient to Thy word.

When we our voices lift in praise,
Give Thou us grace to bring
An offering of unfeignèd thanks,
And with the spirit sing.

And, in the dangerous path of life,
Uphold us as we go;
That with our lips and in our lives
Thy glory we may show.

HENRY ALFORD.

RATHFARNHAM C. & H. page 46.

" This is the day which the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it."

THIS is the day of light!
Let there be light to-day;
O Dayspring, rise upon our night,
And chase its gloom away.

This is the day of rest!
Our failing strength renew;
On weary brain and troubled breast
Shed Thou Thy freshening dew.

This is the day of peace!
Thy peace our spirits fill!
Bid Thou the blast of discord cease,
The waves of strife be still.

This is the day of prayer!
Let earth to heaven draw near:
Lift up our hearts to seek Thee there;
Come down to meet us here.

This is the first of days!
Send forth Thy quickening breath,
And wake dead souls to love and praise,
O Vanquisher of death! AMEN.

JOHN ELLERTON. 1867.

WHITBURN C. & H. page 35.
ROCKINGHAM H. & T. page 11.

"*God with us.*"

O GOD, Whose presence glows in all
Within, around us, and above!
Thy word we bless, Thy name we call,
Whose word is Truth, Whose name is Love.

That truth be with the heart believed,
Of all who seek this sacred place;
With power proclaimed, in peace received,—
Our spirits' light, Thy Spirit's grace.

That love its holy influence pour,
To keep us meek and make us free,
And throw its binding blessing more
Round each with all, and all with Thee.

Send down its angel to our side;
Send in its calm upon the breast:
For we would know no other guide,
And we can need no other rest.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

LEIGHTON C. & H. page 45.
CHATHAM C. & H. page 98.

For the Holy Spirit.

GRACIOUS Spirit, Love divine,
Let Thy light within me shine;
All my guilty fears remove,
Fill me full of heaven and love.

Life and peace to me impart;
Seal salvation on my heart:
Breathe Thyself into my breast,
Earnest of immortal rest.

Let me never from Thee stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Fill my soul with joy divine;
Keep me, Lord, forever Thine. AMEN.

JOHN STOCKER. 1776.

RIVAULX C. & H. page 247.
HAMBURG C. & H. page 246.

"Watchman, what of the night?"

OUT of the dark the circling sphere
Is rounding onward to the light;
We see not yet the daylight clear,
But we can see the paling night;

And Hope, that lights her fadeless fires,
And Faith, that shines with steadfast ray,
And Love, that courage re-inspires, —
As morning stars, lead on the day.

Look backward, how much has been won;
Look round, how much is yet to win!
The watches of the night are done;
The watches of the day begin.

O thou, whose mighty patience holds
The night and day alike in view,
Thy will our dearest hopes enfolds,
Oh, keep us steadfast, patient, true. AMEN.

SAMUEL LONGFELLOW.

SPOHR C. & H. page 219.
BEMERTON C. & H. page 216.

"*Thy kingdom come.*"

FATHER of me and all mankind,
And all the hosts above,
Let every understanding mind
Unite to praise Thy love.

Thy kingdom come, with power and grace,
To every heart of man;
Thy peace and joy and righteousness
In all our bosoms reign, —

The righteousness that never ends,
But makes an end of sin;
The joy that human thought transcends,
Into our souls bring in;

The kingdom of established peace,
Which can no more remove;
The perfect powers of godliness,
The omnipotence of love. AMEN.

CHARLES WESLEY.

NON PRECESSIT C. & H. page 288.
ARLINGTON C. & H. page 289.

"*Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.*"

SHINE on our souls, eternal God,
With rays of beauty shine;
Oh, let Thy favor crown our days,
And all their round be Thine.

Did we not raise our hands to Thee,
Our hands might toil in vain;
Small joy success itself could give,
If Thou Thy love restrain.

With Thee let every week begin,
With Thee each day be spent:
For Thee each fleeting hour improved,
Since each by Thee is lent.

Thus cheer us through this desert road,
Till all our labors cease,
And heaven refresh our weary souls
With everlasting peace. AMEN.

PHILIP DODDRIDGE.

HEBRON C. & H. page 182.
GERMANY C. & H. page 67.

"*Return to thy rest, O my soul.*"

RETURN, my soul, unto thy rest,
From vain pursuits and maddening cares;
From lonely woes that wring thy breast,
The world's allurements, toils, and snares.

Return unto thy rest, my soul,
From all the wanderings of thy thought;
From sickness unto death made whole,
Safe through a thousand perils brought.

Then to thy rest, my soul, return,
From passions every hour at strife;
Sin's works and ways and wages spurn;
Lay hold upon eternal life.

God is thy rest, — with heart inclined
To keep His word, that word believe;
Christ is thy rest, — with lowly mind
His light and easy yoke receive.

JAMES MONTGOMERY.

HURSLEY C. & H. page 69.
BARTHOLDY H. & T. page 95.

Fór Inspiration.

MYSTERIOUS Presence, Source of all, —
The world without, the soul within!
Fountain of Life, oh, hear our call,
And pour Thy living waters in!

Thou breathest in the rushing wind,
Thy spirit stirs in leaf and flower;
Nor wilt Thou from the willing mind
Withhold Thy light and love and power.

Thy hand unseen to accents clear
Awoke the Psalmist's trembling lyre;
And touched the lips of holy seer
With flame from Thine own altar fire.

That touch divine still, Lord, impart,
Still give the prophet's burning word;
And, vocal in each waiting heart,
Let living psalms of praise be heard.

SETH C. BEACH.

SILOAM C. & H. page 293.

"O, God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee."

By cool Siloam's shady rill
How sweet the lily grows!
How sweet the breath beneath the hill
Of Sharon's dewy rose!

Lo, such the child whose early feet
The paths of peace have trod;
Whose secret heart, with influence sweet,
Is upward drawn to God.

O Thou, who giv'st us life and breath,
We seek Thy grace alone,
In childhood, manhood, age, and death,
To keep us still Thine own.

REGINALD HEBER.

BETHANY C. & H. page 198.

"*Nearer to Thee.*"

NEARER, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee:
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me,
Still all my song would be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, —
Nearer to Thee!

Though, like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I 'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee, —
Nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear
Steps unto heaven;
All that Thou sendest me
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee, —
Nearer to Thee!

Then with my waking thoughts,
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I 'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee, —
Nearer to Thee!

Or if on joyful wing,
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upwards I fly;
Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to Thee, —
Nearer to Thee. AMEN.

SARAH FLOWER ADAMS.

GENEVA C. & H. page 275.
STEPHANOS C. & H. page 333.

"If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

WHEN Thy heart, with joy o'erflowing,
Sings a thankful prayer,
In Thy joy, oh, let Thy brother
With thee share.

When the harvest-sheaves ingathered
Fill thy barns with store,
To Thy God and to Thy brother
Give the more.

If Thy soul, with power uplifted,
Yearn for glorious deed, —
Give Thy strength to serve Thy brother
In His need.

Hast Thou borne a secret sorrow
In Thy lonely breast?
Take to Thee Thy sorrowing brother
For a guest.

Share with Him Thy bread of blessing,
Sorrow's burden share;
When Thy heart enfolds a brother,
God is there.

THEODORE C. WILLIAMS.

St. Bees C. & H. page 208.
Gottschalk H. & T. page 21.
Halle H. & T. page 18.

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

Life of Ages, richly poured,
Love of God, unspent and free,
Flowing in the prophet's word
And the people's liberty.

Never was to chosen race
That unstinted tide confined;
Thine is every time and place,
Fountain sweet of heart and mind!

Breathing in the thinker's creed,
Pulsing in the hero's blood,
Nerving simplest thought and deed,
Freshening time with truth and good,

Consecrating art and song,
Holy book and pilgrim track,
Hurling floods of tyrant wrong
From the sacred limits back, —

Life of Ages, richly poured,
Love of God, unspent and free,
Flow still in the prophet's word
And the people's liberty! Amen.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

FEDERAL ST. H. & T. page 166.
PARK ST. C. & H. page 357.
HAMBURG C. & H. page 38.

Seeing the Invisible.

ETERNAL and immortal King!
Thy peerless splendors none can bear;
But darkness veils seraphic eyes,
When God with all His lustre 's there.

Yet faith can pierce the awful gloom,
The great Invisible can see;
And with its tremblings mingle joy,
In fixed regards, great God, to Thee.

Then every tempting form of sin,
Shamed in Thy presence, disappears;
And all the glowing, raptured soul,
The likeness it contemplates, wears.

O ever conscious to my heart,
Witness to its supreme desire!
Behold, it presseth on to Thee,
For it hath caught the heavenly fire.

This one petition would it urge, —
To bear Thee ever in its sight;
In life, in death, in worlds unknown,
Its only portion and delight!

PHILIP DODDRIDGE. 1755.

STOCKWELL C. & H. page 13.
RATHBUN C. & H. page 15.

"*All things work together for good to them that love God.*"

GOD is love; His mercy brightens
All the path in which we rove;
Bliss He wakes and woe He lightens;
God is wisdom, God is love.

Chance and change are busy ever;
Man decays, and ages move;
But His mercy waneth never;
God is wisdom, God is love.

E'en the hour that darkest seemeth
Will His changeless goodness prove;
From the mist His brightness streameth;
God is wisdom, God is love.

He with earthly cares entwineth
Hope and comfort from above;
Everywhere His glory shineth;
God is wisdom, God is love.

SIR JOHN BOWRING.

KEBLE C. & H. page 87.
HEBRON C. & H. page 70.
DUKE ST. C. & H. page 68.
DOANE H. & T. page 32.

The Lord of Life.

LORD of all being! throned afar,
Thy glory flames from sun and star;
Centre and soul of every sphere,
Yet to each loving heart how near!

Sun of our life! Thy quickening ray
Sheds on our path the glow of day:
Star of our hope! Thy softened light
Cheers the long watches of the night.

Our midnight is Thy smile withdrawn;
Our noontide is Thy gracious dawn;
Our rainbow arch Thy mercy's sign:
All, save the clouds of sin, are Thine.

Lord of all life, below, above,
Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love;
Before thy ever-blazing throne
We ask no lustre of our own.

Grant us Thy truth to make us free,
And kindling hearts that burn for Thee,
Till all Thy living altars claim
One holy light, one heavenly flame.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES. 1860.

NEWNHAM C. & H. page 190.
WHITE H. & T. page 112.
STRENGTH AND STAY C. & H. page 424.

For Divine Strength.

FATHER, in Thy mysterious presence kneeling,
Fain would our souls feel all Thy kindling love;
For we are weak, and need some deep revealing
Of trust and strength and calmness from above.

Lord, we have wandered forth through doubt and sorrow,
And Thou hast made each step an onward one;
And we will ever trust each unknown morrow, —
Thou wilt sustain us till its work is done.

In the heart's depths a peace serene and holy
Abides; and when pain seems to have her will,
Or we despair, oh, may that peace rise slowly,
Stronger than agony, and we be still!

Now, Father, now, in Thy dear presence kneeling,
Our spirits yearn to feel Thy kindling love;
Now make us strong, — we need Thy deep revealing
Of trust and strength and calmness from above.
AMEN.

SAMUEL JOHNSON. 1846.

STEGGALL C. & H. page 44.
BOYLSTON C. & H. page 816.
OLMUTZ C. & H. page 169.
MORNINGTIDE C. & H. page 221.

For the Gifts of the Spirit.

SEND down Thy truth, O God!
Too long the shadows frown;
Too long the darkened way we 've trod:
Thy truth, O Lord! send down.
Send down Thy Spirit free,
Till wilderness and town
One temple for Thy worship be:
Thy Spirit, oh, send down!

Send down Thy love, Thy life,
Our lesser lives to crown,
And cleanse them of their hate and strife:
Thy living love send down.
Send down Thy peace, O Lord!
Earth's bitter voices drown
In one deep ocean of accord:
Thy peace, O God! send down. AMEN.

E. R. SILL.

STEGGALL C. & H. page 44.
BOYLESTON C. & H. page 168.
OLMUTZ C. & H. page 169.
MORNINGTIDE C. & H. page 221.

"*Oh, send out thy Light and thy Truth.*"

O EVERLASTING Light!
Giver of dawn and day,
Dispeller of the ancient night
In which creation lay:
O everlasting Truth!
The soul of all that 's true,
Sure guide alike of age and youth,
Lead me and teach me too.

O everlasting Might!
My broken life repair;
Nerve Thou my will, and clear my sight,
Give strength to do and bear.
O everlasting Love!
Wellspring of grace and peace;
Pour down Thy fulness from above,
Bid doubt and trouble cease! AMEN.

HORATIUS BONAR.

BETHSAIDA C. & H. page 192.
BERLIN H. & T. page 114.
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Psalm xlii.

As pants the wearied hart for cooling springs,
That sinks exhausted in the summer's chase,
So pants my soul for Thee, great King of kings,
So thirsts to reach Thy sacred dwelling-place.

Lord, Thy sure mercies, ever in my sight,
My heart shall gladden through the tedious day;
And midst the dark and gloomy shades of night,
To Thee, my God, I'll tune the grateful lay.

Why faint, my soul? why doubt Jehovah's aid?
Thy God the God of mercy still shall prove;
Within His courts Thy thanks shall yet be paid —
Unquestioned be His faithfulness and love!

ROBERT LOWTH.

TRURO C. & H. page 278.
SAMSON C. & H. page 82.
EASTON H. & T. page 176.

God our Strength.

AWAKE, our souls; away, our fears;
Let every trembling thought be gone;
Awake, and run the heavenly race,
And put a cheerful courage on.

True, 't is a strait and thorny road,
And mortal spirits tire and faint;
But they forget the mighty God
That feeds the strength of every saint, —

The mighty God, whose matchless power
Is ever new and ever young,
And firm endures while endless years
Their everlasting circles run.

From Thee, the overflowing spring,
Our souls shall drink a fresh supply,
While such as trust their native strength
Shall melt away, and droop, and die.

Swift as an eagle cuts the air,
We 'll mount aloft to Thine abode;
On wings of love our souls shall fly,
Nor tire amidst the heavenly road.

ISAAC WATTS.

CAMDEN C. & H. page 39.
FEDERAL ST. C. & H. page 161.
WARD C. & H. page 160.

"Our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name."

O GOD, I thank Thee for each sight
Of beauty that Thy hand doth give, —
For sunny skies, and air, and light;
O God, I thank Thee that I live.

That life I consecrate to Thee;
And ever, as the day is born,
On wings of love my soul would flee,
And thank Thee for another morn.

Another day to do, to dare,
To tax anew my growing strength;
To arm my soul with faith and prayer,
And so reach heaven and Thee at length.

CAROLINE A. MASON.

LANGRAN C. & H. page 195.
BETHSAIDA C. & H. page 126.
ELLERS C. & H. page 375.

"*Abide in me and I in you.*"

ABIDE in me; o'ershadow by Thy love
Each half-formed purpose and dark thought of sin;
Quench, ere it rise, each selfish, low desire,
And keep my soul as Thine, calm and divine.

As some rare perfume in a vase of clay
Pervades it with a fragrance not its own,
So when Thou dwellest in a mortal soul,
All heaven's own sweetness seems around it thrown.

Abide in me; there have been moments blest,
When I have heard Thy voice and felt Thy power;
Then evil lost its grasp, and passion, hushed,
Owned the divine enchantment of the hour.

These were but seasons beautiful and rare;
Abide in me, and they shall ever be;
Fulfil at once Thy precept and my prayer, —
Come and abide in me, and I in Thee. AMEN.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

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HEBRON C. & H. page 70.
DUKE ST. C. & H. page 68.

"*Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers.*"

O GOD, beneath Thy guiding hand
Our exiled fathers crossed the sea;
And when they trod the wintry strand,
With prayer and psalm they worshipped Thee.

Thou heard'st, well pleased, the song, the prayer;
Thy blessing came, and still its power
Shall onward through all ages bear
The memory of that holy hour.

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God
Came with those exiles o'er the waves;
And where their pilgrim feet have trod,
The God they trusted guards their graves.

And here Thy name, O God of love,
Their children's children shall adore,
Till these eternal hills remove,
And spring adorns the earth no more.

LEONARD BACON.

TRURO C. & H. page 278.
HEBRON C. & H. page 70.
DUKE ST. C. & H. page 68.

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness."

O THOU, whose perfect goodness crowns
With peace and joy this sacred day,
Our hearts are glad for all the years
Thy love has kept us in Thy way.

For common tasks of help and cheer,
For quiet hours of thought and prayer,
For moments when we seemed to feel
The breath of a diviner air;

For mutual love and trust that keep
Unchanged through all the changing time;
For friends within the veil who thrill
Our spirits with a hope sublime:

For this, and more than words can say,
We praise and bless Thy holy name.
Come life or death, enough to know
That Thou art evermore the same!

JOHN WHITE CHADWICK.

AUSTRIA C. & H. page 307.

The City of God.

GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,
Zion, City of our God!
He, whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which, like the Lord the Giver,
Never fails from age to age.

JOHN NEWTON.

SERVITUS C. & H. page 215.
FEDERAL ST. C. & H. page 350.
HAMBURG C. & H. page 38.

God's Law and Love.

O THOU, in whom we live and move,
Whose love is law, Whose law is love,
Whose present spirit waits to fill
The soul that comes to do Thy will!

Unto our waiting spirits teach
Thy love, beyond the powers of speech;
And bid us feel, with joyful awe,
The omnipresence of Thy law.

Its patient working doth fulfil
Man's hope, and God's all-perfect will,
Nor suffers one true word or thought,
Or deed of love, to come to naught.

Such faith, O God! our souls sustain,
Free, true, and calm, in joy and pain,
That even by our fidelity
Thy kingdom may the nearer be! AMEN.

SAMUEL LONGFELLOW.

GERONTIUS C. & H. page 90.
GEER C. & H. page 132.

"*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*"

OUR Father! while our hearts unlearn
The creeds that wrong Thy name,
Still let our hallowed altars burn
With Faith's undying flame!

Not by the lightning-gleams of wrath
Our souls Thy face shall see,—
The star of Love must light the path
That leads to Heaven and Thee.

Help us to read our Master's will
Through every darkening stain
That clouds His sacred image still,
And see Him once again,

The brother man, the pitying friend,
Who weeps for human woes,
Whose pleading words of pardon blend
With cries of raging foes.

If, 'mid the gathering storms of doubt
Our hearts grow faint and cold,
The strength we cannot live without
Thy love will not withhold.

Our prayers accept; our sins forgive;
Our youthful zeal renew;
Shape for us holier lives to live
And nobler work to do! AMEN.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

CHATHAM C. & H. page 98.
ST. BEES C. & H. page 208.

A Life hidden in God.

LET my life be hid in Thee
Life of life and Light of light!
Love's illimitable sea!
Depth of peace, of power the height!

Let my life be hid in Thee
From vexation and annoy;
Calm in Thy tranquillity,
All my mourning turned to joy.

Let my life be hid in Thee
When alarms are gathering round,
Covered with Thy panoply,
Safe within Thy holy ground.

Let my life be hid in Thee
When my strength and health shall fail;
Let Thine immortality
In my dying hour prevail.

Let my life be hid in Thee,
In the world and yet above;
Hid in Thine eternity,
In the ocean of Thy love. AMEN.

JOHN BULL.

LUTHER'S CHANT C. & H. page 214.
WARD C. & H. page 160.

Love Divine.

O LOVE Divine, Whose constant beam
Shines on the eyes that will not see,
And waits to bless us while we dream
Thou leav'st us when we turn from Thee!

All souls that struggle and aspire,
All hearts of prayer, by Thee are lit;
And, dim or clear, Thy tongues of fire
On dusky tribes and centuries sit.

Nor bounds, nor clime, nor creed Thou know'st:
Wide as our need, Thy favors fall;
The white wings of the Holy Ghost
Stoop, seen or unseen, over all.

JOHN G. WHITTIER.

ST. STEPHEN'S C. & H. page 164.
DUNDEE C. & H. page 166.

The Church Universal.

ONE holy Church of God appears
Through every age and race,
Unwasted by the lapse of years,
Unchanged by changing place.

From oldest time, on farthest shores,
Beneath the pine or palm,
One Unseen Presence she adores,
With silence or with psalm.

Her priests are all God's faithful sons,
To serve the world raised up;
The pure in heart her baptised ones;
Love, her communion-cup.

The truth is her prophetic gift,
The soul her sacred page;
And feet on mercy's errands swift
Do make her pilgrimage.

O living Church! thine errand speed;
Fulfil thy task sublime;
With bread of life earth's hunger feed;
Redeem the evil time! AMEN.

SAMUEL LONGFELLOW.

WARD C. & H. page 160.
HEBRON C. & H. page 182.

"*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*"

WHEREVER through the ages rise
The altars of self-sacrifice,
Where love its arms hath opened wide,
Or man for man has calmly died,

We see the same white wings outspread,
That hovered o'er the Master's head;
And in all lands beneath the sun
The heart affirmeth, "Love is one."

Up from undated time they come,
The martyr-souls of heathendom,
And to His cross and passion bring
Their fellowship of suffering.

And the one marvel of their death
To the one order witnesseth, —
Each, in his measure, but a part
Of Thine unmeasured loving heart.

J. G. WHITTIER.

PORTUGUESE HYMN C. & H. page 232.

"*The Lord is my Shepherd.*"

THE Lord is my Shepherd, no want shall I know;
I feed in green pastures, safe folded I rest:
He leadeth my soul where the still waters flow,
Restores me when wandering, redeems when oppressed.

Through the valley and shadow of death though I stray,
Since Thou art my guardian, no evil I fear;
Thy rod shall defend me, Thy staff be my stay;
No harm can befall, with my Comforter near.

In the midst of affliction, my table is spread;
With blessings unmeasured my cup runneth o'er;
With perfume and oil Thou anointest my head:
Oh, what shall I ask of Thy providence more?

Let goodness and mercy, my bountiful God,
Still follow my steps, till I meet Thee above;
I seek, by the path which my forefathers trod
Through the land of their sojourn, Thy kingdom of love.

JAMES MONTGOMERY.

MANOAH C. & H. page 108.
MEAR C. & H. page 110.

The Comforter.

O SPIRIT of the living God,
  Brooding with dove-like wings
Over the helpless and the weak
  Among created things:

Where should our feebleness find strength,
  Our helplessness a stay,
Didst Thou not bring us strength and help
  And comfort day by day?

Great are Thy consolations, Lord,
  And mighty is Thy power,
In sickness and in solitude,
  In sorrow's darkest hour.

JANE EUPHEMIA SAXBY.

PLEYEL C. & H. page 172.
HOLLEY C. & H. page 62.

"*Be ye, therefore, followers of God, as dear children.*"

FATHER of eternal grace,
Glorify Thyself in me;
Sweetly beaming in my face
May the world Thine image see.

Humble, holy, all-resigned
To Thy will — Thy will be done;
Give me, Lord, the perfect mind
Of Thy well-belovèd son.

Counting gain and glory loss,
May I tread the path he trod;
Die with Jesus on the cross,
Rise with him to Thee, my God.

AMEN.

JAMES MONTGOMERY.

HAMBURG C. & H. page 246.
RIVAULX C. & H. page 247.

"*The Lord is near.*"

OH, sometimes gleams upon our sight,
Through present wrong, the eternal Right;
And step by step, since time began,
We see the steady gain of man.

That all of good the past hath had
Remains to make our own time glad,
Our common, daily life divine,
And every land a Palestine.

Through the harsh noises of our day
A low, sweet prelude finds its way;
Through clouds of doubt, and creeds of fear,
A light is breaking calm and clear.

Henceforth my soul shall sigh no more
For olden time and holier shore;
God's love and blessing, then and there,
Are now and here and everywhere.

JOHN G. WHITTIER.

ALL SAINTS C. & H. page 107.
HUMILITY C. & H. page 139.

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

SPIRIT of grace and health and power,
Fountain of life and light below,
Abroad Thy healing influence shower,
O'er all the nations let it flow.

Inspire our hearts with perfect love,
In us the work of faith fulfil;
So not heaven's hosts shall swifter move,
Than we on earth, to do Thy will.

Father, 't is Thine each day to yield
Thy children's wants a fresh supply;
Thou cloth'st the lilies of the field,
And hearest the young ravens cry.

On Thee we cast our care; we live
Through thee, who know'st our every need;
Oh, feed us with thy grace, and give
Our souls this day the living bread.

Thine, Lord, we are, and ours Thou art;
In us be all Thy goodness showed;
Renew, enlarge, and fill our heart,
With peace, and joy, and heaven, and God.

AMEN.

JOHN WESLEY.

WHITBURN C. & H. page 286.
SAMSON C. & H. page 280.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee.

O BLESSED life! the heart at rest
When all without tumultuous seems;
That trusts a higher will, and deems
That higher will, not mine, the best.

O blessed life! the mind that sees,
Whatever change the years may bring,
A mercy still in everything,
And shining through all mysteries.

O blessed life! the soul that soars,
When sense of mortal sight is dim,
Beyond the sense, — beyond, to Him
Whose love unlocks the heavenly doors.

O blessed life! heart, mind, and soul,
From self-born aims and wishes free,
In all at one with Deity,
And loyal to the Lord's control.

O life! how blessed, how divine!
High life, the earnest of a higher!
Father, fulfil my deep desire,
And let this blessed life be mine. AMEN.

WILLIAM TIDD MATSON.

CHRISTMAS C. & H. page 294.

"Compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses."

AWAKE, my soul; stretch every nerve,
And press with vigor on:
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

A cloud of witnesses around
Hold thee in full survey:
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way.

'T is God's all-animating voice
That calls thee from on high;
'T is His own hand presents the prize
To thine aspiring eye, —

That prize, with peerless glories bright,
Which shall new lustre boast
When victors' wreaths and monarchs' gems
Shall blend in common dust.

PHILIP DODDRIDGE, 1755.

GOULD C. & H. page 112.

"*Glory to God.*"

CALM, on the listening ear of night,
Come heaven's melodious strains,
Where wild Judea stretches far
Her silver-mantled plains.

Celestial choirs, from courts above,
Shed sacred glories there;
And angels, with their sparkling lyres,
Make music on the air.

The answering hills of Palestine
Send back the glad reply;
And greet, from all their holy heights,
The Dayspring from on high.

O'er the blue depths of Galilee
There comes a holier calm;
And Sharon waves, in solemn praise,
Her silent groves of palm.

"Glory to God!" the sounding skies
Loud with their anthems ring;
"Peace to the earth, good-will to men,
From heaven's eternal King!"

EDMUND H. SEARS.

BALERMA C. & H. page 228.
ST. MARGUERITE C. & H. page 229.

One Law, one Life, one Love.

O PROPHET souls of all the years,
Bend o'er us from above;
Your far-off vision, toils, and tears
Now to fulfilment move!

From tropic clime and zones of frost
They come, of every name, —
This, this our day of Pentecost,
The Spirit's tongue of flame.

One Life together we confess,
One all-indwelling Word,
One holy Call to righteousness
Within the silence heard:

One Law that guides the shining spheres
As on through space they roll,
And speaks in flaming characters
On Sinais of the soul:

One Love, unfathomed, measureless,
An ever-flowing sea,
That holds within its vast embrace
Time and eternity.

FREDERICK L. HOSMER.

BETHSAIDA C. & H. page 126.
ELLERS C. & H. page 54.

"*The Way, the Truth, and the Life.*"

O THOU great Friend to all the sons of men,
Who once appeared in humblest guise below,
Sin to rebuke, to break the captive's chain,
And call Thy brethren forth from want and woe!

We look to Thee: Thy truth is still the light
Which guides the nations, groping on their way,
Stumbling and falling in disastrous night,
Yet hoping ever for the perfect day.

Yes: Thou art still the Life; Thou art the Way
The holiest know, — Light, Life, and Way of heaven;
And they who dearest hope, and deepest pray,
Toil by the light, life, way, which Thou hast given.

THEODORE PARKER.

LUX BENIGNA C. & H. page 201.

The Pillar of the Cloud.

LEAD, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home, —
Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene, — one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will; remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN. 1833.

VESPER HYMN C. & H. page 60.

"*Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you.*"

Now, on land and sea descending,
Brings the night its peace profound:
Let our vesper hymn be blending
With the holy calm around.
Soon as dies the sunset glory,
Stars of heaven shine out above,
Telling still the ancient story,—
Their Creator's changeless love.

Now, our wants and burdens leaving
To His care who cares for all,
Cease we fearing, cease we grieving;
At His touch our burdens fall.
As the darkness deepens o'er us,
Lo! eternal stars arise;
Hope and Faith and Love rise glorious,
Shining in the spirit's skies.

SAMUEL LONGFELLOW.

EVENTIDE H. & T. page 68.
PARTING H. & T. page 69.
ELLERS C. & H. page 54.

"Abide with us."

ABIDE with me! fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens: Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see:
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!

I need Thy presence every passing hour:
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness:
Where is death's sting? where, grave, Thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me!

Hold, Thou, the cross before my closing eyes!
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies!
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life and death, O Lord, abide with me! AMEN.

HENRY FRANCIS LYTE. 1847.

RATHFARNHAM C. & H. page 46.
DENNIS H. & T. page 239.
ST. THOMAS H. & T. page 26.
THATCHER H. & T. page 29.

"*Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*"

OUR day of praise is done;
The evening shadows fall;
But pass not from us with the sun,
True Light that lightenest all.

Around the throne on high,
Where night can never be,
The white-robed harpers of the sky
Bring ceaseless hymns to Thee.

Too faint our anthems here;
Too soon of praise we tire;
But oh, the strains, how full and clear,
Of that eternal choir!

Yet, Lord, to Thy dear will,
If Thou attune the heart,
We in Thine angels' music still
May bear our lower part.

'T is Thine each soul to calm,
Each wayward thought reclaim,
And make our life a daily psalm
Of glory to Thy name;

A little while, and then
Shall come the glorious end;
And songs of angels and of men
In perfect praise shall blend.

JOHN ELLERTON.

HOLLEY C. & H. page 62.
CHATHAM C. & H. page 98.
PLEYEL C. & H. page 28.

"*The Lord will hear when I call unto him.*"

SOFTLY now the light of day
Fades upon the sight away :
Free from care, from labor free,
Lord, we would commune with Thee.

Thou, whose all-pervading eye
Nought escapes, without, within,
Pardon each infirmity,
Open fault, and secret sin.

When from us the light of day
Shall on earth have passed away,
Then, from sin and sorrow free,
Take us, Lord, to dwell with Thee.

G. W. DOANE. 1824.

HURSLEY C. & H. page 69.

"*They that know thy name will put their trust in Thee.*"

ABIDE with me from morn till eve,
For without Thee I cannot live;
Abide with me when night is nigh,
For without Thee I dare not die.

If some poor wandering child of Thine
Have spurned to-day the voice divine,
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;
Let him no more lie down in sin.

Watch by the sick; enrich the poor
With blessings from Thy boundless store;
Be every mourner's sleep to-night,
Like infant slumbers, pure and light.

Come near and bless us when we wake,
Ere through the world our way we take;
Till in the ocean of Thy love
We lose ourselves in heaven above. AMEN.

JOHN KEBLE.

Olmutz C. & H. page 301.
Dennis H. & T. page 239.
Thatcher C. & H. page 189.

"Do all to the glory of God."

Teach me, my God and King,
In all things Thee to see;
And what I do in anything,
To do it as for Thee.

To scorn the senses' sway,
While still to Thee I tend;
In all I do, be Thou the way,—
In all be Thou the end.

All may of Thee partake:
Nothing so small can be,
But draws, when acted for Thy sake,
Greatness and worth from Thee.

If done to obey Thy laws,
E'en servile labors shine:
Hallowed is toil if this the cause,
The meanest work divine.

GEORGE HERBERT.

ZION C. & H. page 17.

Dismission.

LORD, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace:
Oh, refresh us,
Travelling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give, and adoration,
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful
To the truth may we be found. AMEN.

JOHN FAWCETT (?)

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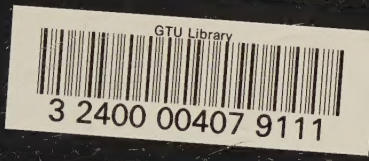

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